

COLUMBUS BELCHER

SOON TO BE HANGED—GOVERNOR NOT LIKELY TO INTERFERE.

Unless Governor W. E. Glasscock interferes, Columbus Belcher, white, will swing from the scaffold of the penitentiary, Friday, November 19th for the murder of Kirk Carter, whom he shot and killed near Williamson, Mingo county, nearly two years ago. With his checkered career it is not thought that Belcher will be granted another stay by the Governor or his sentence commuted to life imprisonment. He will be the first white man to be hanged since Moonney and Friday, were swung into eternity for the murder of an aged man near Elm Grove, several years ago.

While Governor Glasscock does not believe in capital punishment he has on several occasions stated to Warden J. E. Matthews, that he would not interfere if he thought that the guilty party had been granted a fair and impartial trial and that there was not a shadow of a doubt to his guilt.

Confined in a cell in "murderer's row" in the south hall of the prison, Belcher, has become very nervous during the past two weeks and has appealed to his child and wife and friends in Mingo county to secure for him a stay of execution. While they are doing everything in their power for the condemned man little hope is given for a stay of execution. Warden Matthews has received no word from Governor Glasscock in regard to what action, if any he would take. The latter part of last week Warden Matthews, stated he would start to issue the death invitations which will number about 75. These invitations are issued to the press and physicians and a few outside people. The chamber in which the condemned prisoners are hanged is very small and only seventy-five persons can stand in it. There is always a large demand for tickets and already over two hundred persons have asked the Warden for them.

This week the rope will be tested and the scaffold given a thorough overhauling. Belcher, will probably swing from the same rope that Frank Johnson, alias Walden, and Arthur Brown, were hanged on.

Belcher has twice been confined in the penitentiary at Moundsville. After being pardoned by Gov. Dawson for shooting a man after serving about four years. Belcher returned to his home at Williamson. Within a short time after being a free man he shot down Kirk Carter, killing him instantly. Belcher pleaded self defense, but was found guilty of murder in the first degree and sentenced to be hanged. A motion was made by his attorneys for a new trial and the authorities fearing that the slippery Belcher would break jail had him removed to the penitentiary until his second trial was given and he was again found guilty and sentenced to be hanged. His child and wife is making an effort to secure a stay for her crime stained husband.

Isaac N. Yates, is also confined in the south hall of the penitentiary under sentence of death. He was found guilty of committing a criminal assault upon his own daughter and sentenced to be hanged. He has twice been granted a reprieve but will hang early in December, unless Governor Glasscock interferes.

Ohio authorities are waking up to the fact that it is not a good thing for either to educate white and negro children together and legislation will be sought for their segregation in children's homes. If it is bad for the orphans it is bad for other children, so why not apply the law to the schools as well?

One step won't take you very far—you've got to keep on walking; one word won't tell folks what you are—you've got to keep on talking; one inch won't make you very tall—you've got to keep on growing; one little "ad" won't do it all—you've got to keep 'em going.

THANKS DUE TO THESE FOR SUCCESSFUL TRIP.

We herewith publish the list of licensed officers of the boats that composed the fleet of boats to whom the thanks of all concerned are due for the careful and skillful handling of each individual boat. When the stage of water is considered and to think that thirteen boats are turned loose at St. Louis for a run of 1,200 miles, and all reach destination but one (and that one only a small motor boat) within four hours of schedule time, without a single mishap or an officer losing his license for misconduct, it is nothing short of marvelous. It is true the moon was with us every night and the fog shunned us, for which we owe Providence a debt of gratitude.

The list follows:

OLEANDER.

Capt. Thos. B. Good, master and pilot, with Gus Hiner as partner; Ike Betts, engineer, and John Hazlett, mate.

SAINT PAUL.

John Killeen, master; Con McGee, mate; Lawrence McMeekin and Wm. Rollins, pilot; Wm. Lepper and Chas. Bottom, engineers.

QUINCY.

Maurice Killeen, master. Harry Silbermagel and Elmer Ourey, pilots; Ed Sauer and George Gray, engineers.

ERASTUS WELLS.

Thomas Garrison, master; Tobe Royal, mate; Wm. Haponstall and Joe McCullough, pilots; Wm. Albert and Thomas Donahue, engineers.

ALTON.

Henry Leyhe, master; George King, mate; Charlie O'Neal and George Clark (Louisville), pilots; Fred Buthman and Joe Hill, engineers.

GREY EAGLE.

Wm. Leyhe, master; Alex. Haley, mate; Charles Nadal and Ed Kellogg, pilots; Frank Miller and John Smith, engineers.

G. W. HILL.

Milt Harry, master; Phil Kehne, mate; Arthur Miller and Harry Davis, pilots; Charles Jackson and Bass Black, engineers.

ILLINOIS.

Charles Spear, master; Charles and Harry Nichols, pilots; Wm. McKinley and Harry Chandler, engineers.

LILY.

Wm. Eagan, master; Frank McCaffrey, mate; Campbell Hunt (pilot to Cairo). Cal. Blazier and Lute Moor pilots to New Orleans; Sam Critchfield and Fred Fenor, engineers.

MISSISSIPPI.

John T. Goodrich, master; James De Graw, mate; Walter Saunders and Fred Voltz, pilots; B. Y. Rodner and J. P. Turnipseed, engineers.

CAPE GIRARDEAU.

"Buck" Leyhe, master; W. McClatchey, mate; George Street and James Martin, pilots; F. Meyers and Chester Walsh, engineers.

CITY OF SALTILLO.

Harry Crane, master; Bernard Caragher, mate; James A. Burnett and Stephen Greenwell, pilots; Ed Latham and Van Pelty, engineers.

FLORENCE II.

Phil Hacker, master.—The Waterways Journal.

EGGS FIFTY CENTS A DOZEN BY CHRISTMAS.

Eggs, good, fresh country eggs, will be 50 cents per dozen by Christmas, so say some of the merchants and farmers who know that there is a scarcity of eggs at present and realize that the shortage will be more pronounced along about the Yuletide season. Out in the country districts the farmers are taxing the buyers 30 cents for eggs and about the same price for butter.

The hens have been on a strike and are not particular about getting back to work again. The fact that Charleston and Kanawha county is dry and the customary "sherry and egg" is no more, has had no effect in glutting the market.

GRUESOME SCENE

WHEN HYPNOTIST FAILED IN TEST.

Somerville, N. J., Nov. 10.—An interesting legal question as a sequel today of the autopsy performed last night of the body of Robert Simpson, the hypnotic subject, whom Arthur Everton, a hypnotist failed to restore after placing him in a trance.

The autopsy disclosed that Simpson's death was due to a rupture of the aorta. To just what measure of responsibility, if any, Everton will finally be held by the law is a question which is puzzling the legal experts. The prosecutor of this district is credited with the intention of holding Everton on a technical charge of manslaughter until his case can be passed upon by the grand jury next month.

The autopsy last night was delayed until a professional hypnotist had had an opportunity to make one last effort to restore animation in Simpson's body. There was not the slightest response, and the examination following indicated to the physicians that death had resulted immediately after the collapse of the subject from the rigid state in which the hypnotist had placed him.

Arthur Everton, the hypnotist, it was said by the authorities here today, would be held to await the action of the December grand jury and in the meantime would be admitted to bail.

It was said, however, that this procedure was incumbent upon the authorities in case of any death, and it was not likely that any responsibility for Simpson's death would fall upon the hypnotist in view of the result of the autopsy last night. The coroner will not hold an inquest in the case.

Simpson's body, covered with a black cloth, lay in the morgue at the hospital when Davenport arrived. He came in silently and in the presence of Dr. W. H. Ong, county physician; Dr. Charles H. Halstead and Dr. Francis McConaugh, immediately began his attempt to revive the unfortunate man. First he felt of the body to detect any possible heart beat; failing in this, he placed his ear on the victim's chest. Then, invoking the power of suggestion, he spoke in the dead man's ear.

"Bob," he said, "Bob, your heart action—your heart action—your heart action is beginning. It is beginning."

Slowly and dramatically Davenport repeated this in the ear, then changing his tone of voice to an imperious command, he cried sharply:

"Bob! Bob! Can't you hear me? Your heart is beginning to beat. Your heart is beginning to beat."

Again and again he repeated this assurance to the inanimate form, while the medical men looked grimly on. Not a muscle of the body stirred and there was absolutely no sign of animation.

Again Davenport changed his methods. Leaning over Simpson's right ear, he spoke confidentially:

"Oh, I say, Bob," he said in a quiet conversational tone: "look, your heart is beginning to beat."

He repeated this soothingly time after time, but without effect. Simpson apparently was as dead as the proverbial door nail.

While this was going on a brilliant incandescent lamp shed its blinding glow in the dead man's face, but the eyelids did not flutter, and, as the physicians contended, he was beyond aid. Disheartened, Davenport turned to go, but Dr. Long called him back.

"What is your opinion?" he asked. "I did not come to form an opinion," replied Davenport.

"But we insist," said the doctor. "Well," replied Davenport, after a pause, "he's dead."

Then he went out and the medical men began preparations for the autopsy.

That eastern football player who lost part of his backbone may yet enjoy a career as a congressman.

MASONIC GRAND LODGE.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 12.—The annual session of the West Virginia Grand Lodge, which convened in the Scottish Rite Cathedral on Friday afternoon, adjourned last night at 11 o'clock, after appointing and electing the officers for the ensuing year. The next Grand Chapter—which always immediately preceded the Grand Lodge session—and the Grand Lodge proper, will meet next year at Hinton. Officers were elected as follows:

Grand Master—Frank Wells Clark, New Martinsville.

Deputy Grand Master—Wyndham Stokes, Welch.

Senior Grand Warden—J. Dunbar Baines, Charleston.

Junior Grand Warden—Judge C. W. Lynch, Clarksburg.

Grand Treasurer—Dr. Samuel N. Myers, Martinsburg.

Grand Secretary—Hiram R. Howard, Point Pleasant.

APPOINTED OFFICERS.

Grand Lecturer—John M. McConihay, of Charleston.

Grand Chaplain—Rev. J. Howard Gibbons, Point Pleasant.

Senior Grand Deacon—Thomas P. Jacobs, New Martinsville.

Junior Grand Deacon—William T. Ice, Philippi.

Grand Marshal—T. Wilbur Hennen, Fairmont.

Grand Persuivant—Chas. E. Carigan, Moundsville.

Grand Tyler—W. J. Hamilton, Wheeling.

AFTER 47 YEARS

FAMOUS CININNATI "SQUIRREL HUNTERS" GET PAY FOR WAR SERVICE.

Cincinnati, Nov. 10.—Forty-seven years after they served as volunteer soldiers to protect Cincinnati from a threatened raid by Confederate troops, the "Squirrel Hunters," of Cincinnati have received their pay, namely, \$13, a month's wages for a private soldier.

In 1862 General Kirby Smith's raiders made a dash through Kentucky and it was feared that they planned an attack on Cincinnati. Governor Tod, of Ohio, called for 60,000 volunteers to mobilize at once in Cincinnati, and men and boys, with squirrel rifles and family fowling pieces, rushed to the city in large numbers, to stand off the approach of the expected foe. The Confederates got within a few miles of Covington, but turned aside, giving Cincinnati a wide berth.

ROYAL ARCH MASONS ELECT OFFICERS.

Wheeling, W. Va., Nov. 10.—Three hundred Masons attended the thirty-ninth session of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of West Virginia. Reports of the different committees were made. At the temple degrees were conferred upon the past and high priests.

Following are the officers elected for the coming year:

James Luke, New Cumberland, Grand High Priest.

Wyndham Stokes, Welch, Grand King.

H. L. Cushua, Martinsburg, Grand Scribe.

S. N. Myers, Martinsburg, Grand Treasurer.

D. K. Reed, Clarksburg, Grand Secretary.

Joseph Hall, Wheeling, Grand Lecturer.

Rev. J. Howard Gibbons, Ashland, Ky., Grand Chaplain.

F. E. Nichols, Fairmont, Grand Captain of the Host.

W. T. Rittenhouse, Parkersburg, Grand Principal Sojourner.

M. L. Workman, Wayne, Grand Royal Arch Captain.

J. D. Barnes, Charleston, Grand Master of the Veil.

B. C. Ray, Ronceverte, Grand Master of the Second Veil.

W. K. Cowden, Huntington, Grand Master of the First Veil.

M. J. Lukens, Wheeling, Marshal.

W. H. Rose, Wheeling, Tyler.

"SUNDAY FISHING"

IN THIS STATE THOUSANDS OF TABLES ARE SUPPLIED WITH FISH.

Prohibition of "Sunday fishing" under the new fish and game laws, which were enacted by the West Virginia solons in deference to the demand from the public for the better protection of the fish and game of the State, does not meet with the approval of every one.

Thomas M. Darrah, a West Virginia disciple of Isaak Walton, with his hook and pen picks two sections of the game laws as doing injustice to many fishermen. He says:

"As a lifelong fisherman, who has fished in the waters of other states, as well as here at home, I wish to call the attention of our readers to two provisions of the fish and game law—as the same was amended at the last session of the legislature—that, in my opinion, are unjust and ill advised because they work great hardship upon a large majority of those who take pleasure and recreation in fishing.

"The first of these provisions is the one which makes it absolutely unlawful to fish on Sunday. My objection to this provision is that practically it altogether denies the right of fishing to that numerous class of our citizens who are compelled to toil on all the days of the week except Sunday. These people, who support and keep alive all our great industries have only Sunday as a day of recreation, and they are in the habit of then seeking rest and quiet along the banks of our rivers and creeks, where they and their families, without annoying other people, find more innocent enjoyment in fishing than is possible to be had in other way. All this opportunity of enjoyment is, by the new law, entirely taken away from them and they are given nothing in place of it.

"The other provision to which I object is the one prohibiting fishing, at any time, by any person unless such person has with him the written permission of the land owner. This provision in its practical workings, results in great hardship in many instances. There are many cases in which the land owner is a non-resident and is represented by a local agent, who will tell the fisherman that he has no objections whatever to his fishing, but will, nevertheless, decline to take the responsibility of giving a permission in writing. Under the old law the fisherman could fish at his own risk until the owner objected, and if the latter did object all he had to do was to say so, and that ended the matter. The result of the new law is to bring about a dog in the manger state of things. The fishing is there, but nobody can take advantage of it. Not because the land owner objects but because an ill-advised law has deprived many people of an innocent enjoyment that worked so little harm to the land owner that he never thought it worth while to make any objections to it.

"The fish industry of the United States is one of the largest industries in the country and should be fostered and encouraged by all.

"In this State thousands of tables are supplied with fish. And yet the legislature has placed hardships upon all those who catch them. What is the use of the state spending money for keeping up a hatchery, game wardens, etc., if one is not permitted to fish without being hounded by deputy game wardens, such has been done throughout the state the past season?"

Grafton sent a delegation of fifty of its leading citizens to Baltimore to ask for a new passenger depot and they brought back the promise of one that will cost \$250,000. Grafton is learning the lesson that it must look out for its own interests if it would be successful.

Big sale starts this week at Uhrig's.

FIRST CIVIL WAR VICTIM'S BODY TO BE MOVED.

Baltimore, Nov. 10.—With ceremonies befitting his memory, the body of Charles A. Taylor, of Lowell, Mass., the first man killed in the civil war, will be exhumed from its resting place in the New Methodist burying ground near this city and removed to Boston next week. The body will be delivered to the governor of Massachusetts, who will follow the directions of the Massachusetts legislature as to its disposal.

Taylor was a member of the Sixth Massachusetts regiment of infantry, which was attacked by a mob upon its arrival in Baltimore, at President and Pratt streets, April 19, 1861. He was shot and died in a hospital the same day. It is proposed to make the removal of the body to Massachusetts an important event, with a military display in keeping therewith.

TWO EXTRA TRAINS ON

TIME CARD FOR THE OHIO RIVER DIVISION ANNOUNCED.

The changes on the Ohio River Division of the B. & O., are important and additional interest is lent to them for the reason that on next Sunday the night train service between Pittsburg and Charleston will be inaugurated. The railroad is putting on two extra trains for this service, one each way, at the urgent request of the State Board of Trade, which has been clamoring for this service for some time. Whether or not the experiment will prove a financial success remains to be seen. That the train service will be a boon to those who have business in Charleston there is little doubt.

Train No. 719, which now leaves Pittsburg at 9:20 will not leave until 10:20 a. m., thus leaving Wheeling at 12:40 p. m. and arriving at Parkersburg at 3:35 p. m., leaving there at 3:45 p. m. and still making connection at Point Pleasant for Charleston via the K. & M., the change making it 25 minutes later.

Train No. 705, the Parkersburg, Point Pleasant and Kenova accommodation, will leave Parkersburg at 7:30 a. m. instead of 6:55 a. m.

These mentioned are the only changes in time of the trains on the O. R. Division. Of course by far the most important change is the inauguration of the night train service to Charleston. The night train will carry a twelve section drawing room and buffet sleeper which will leave Point Pleasant at 12:40 a. m., running via Huntington. The sleeper to be cut off there and transferred to the C. & O. depot, where it will be handled thence to Charleston on train No. 14 of the C. & O., leaving Huntington at 6:30 a. m. and arriving at Charleston at 8:40 a. m. Returning this sleeper will leave Charleston at 6:00 p. m. attached to C. & O. train No. 13 and arrive at Huntington at 7:55 p. m., where the sleeper will lie at the C. & O. depot and will be open for occupancy, leaving there about 1:15 a. m., for the O. R. depot, where it will be attached to the train for Pittsburg, leaving Huntington at 1:45 a. m. arriving at Point Pleasant at 2:45 a. m.

The only stops by these trains after leaving Charleston will be Huntington, Point Pleasant Ravenswood and Parkersburg.

SPENT NO MONEY.

Albany, Nov. 12.—William J. Gaynor, mayor elect of New York, today filed a statement with the secretary of state in which he swears that he did not expend any moneys in aid of his election.

A woman went into a newspaper office and wished to advertise for her husband who had disappeared. When told that they charged two dollars an inch she went out, saying it would break her up at that rate as her husband was over six feet long.